OPINION 1612

Attus penicillatus Simon, 1875 (currently *Sitticus penicillatus*; Arachnida, Araneae): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

(a) *illibatus* Simon, 1868, as published in the binomen *Attus illibatus*;

(b) *inequalipes* Simon, 1868, as published in the binomen *Attus inequalipes*;

(c) *guttatus* Thorell, 1875, as published in the binomen *Attus guttatus*.

(2) The name *penicillatus* Simon, 1875, as published in the binomen *Attus penicillatus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *illibatus* Simon, 1868, as published in the binomen *Attus illibatus* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;

(b) *inequalipes* Simon, 1868, as published in the binomen *Attus inequalipes* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above;

(c) *guttatus* Thorell, 1875, as published in the binomen *Attus guttatus* and as suppressed in (1)(c) above.

History of Case 2648

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Attus penicillatus* Simon, 1875 was received from Dr J. Prószyński (*Zakład Zoologii WSPR, Siedlce, Poland*) on 4 March 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **46**: 110–111 (June 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

The application was supported by Mr F.R. Wanless (*Department of Zoology, The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **46**: 111. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 18: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Willink

Negative votes — 8: Cogger, Holthuis, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mroczkowski, Savage and Uéno.

Schuster was on leave of absence.

Dupuis abstained: Simon's nomenclatural acts had caused very many problems (see comment on BZN **47**: 223). Uéno noted that the types of all the nominal species were preserved in major museums, and commented that future specialists might conclude that the taxa concerned were distinct. Cogger and Mroczkowski agreed, adding that the applicant's aim could be met by giving precedence to the name *penicillatus*.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

guttatus, *Attus*, Thorell, 1875, *Horae Societatis Entomologicae Rossicae*, **11**: 119.
illibatus, *Attus*, Simon, 1868, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (4)**8**: 541.
inequalipes, *Attus*, Simon, 1868, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (4)**8**: 614.
penicillatus, *Attus*, Simon, 1875, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, (5)**5**: xcii. Bulletin des Séances (Séance du 28 Avril 1875).